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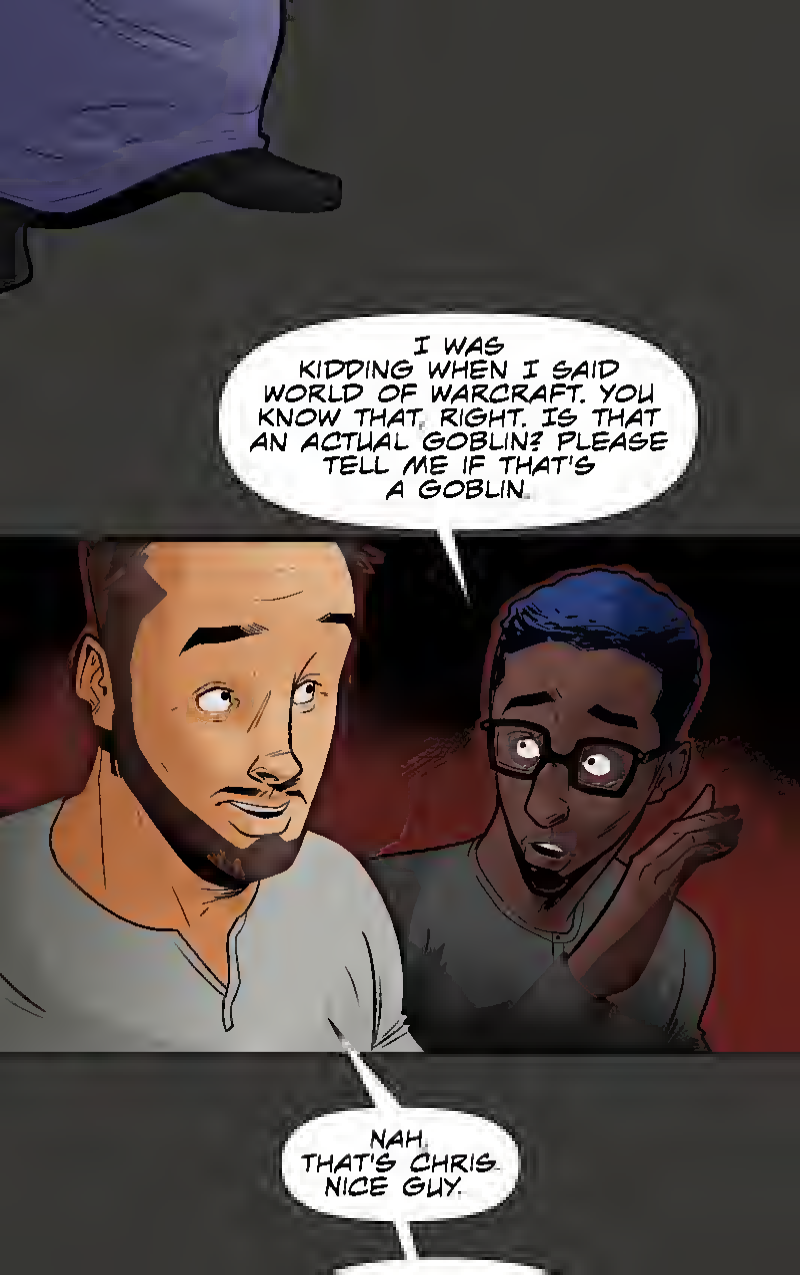
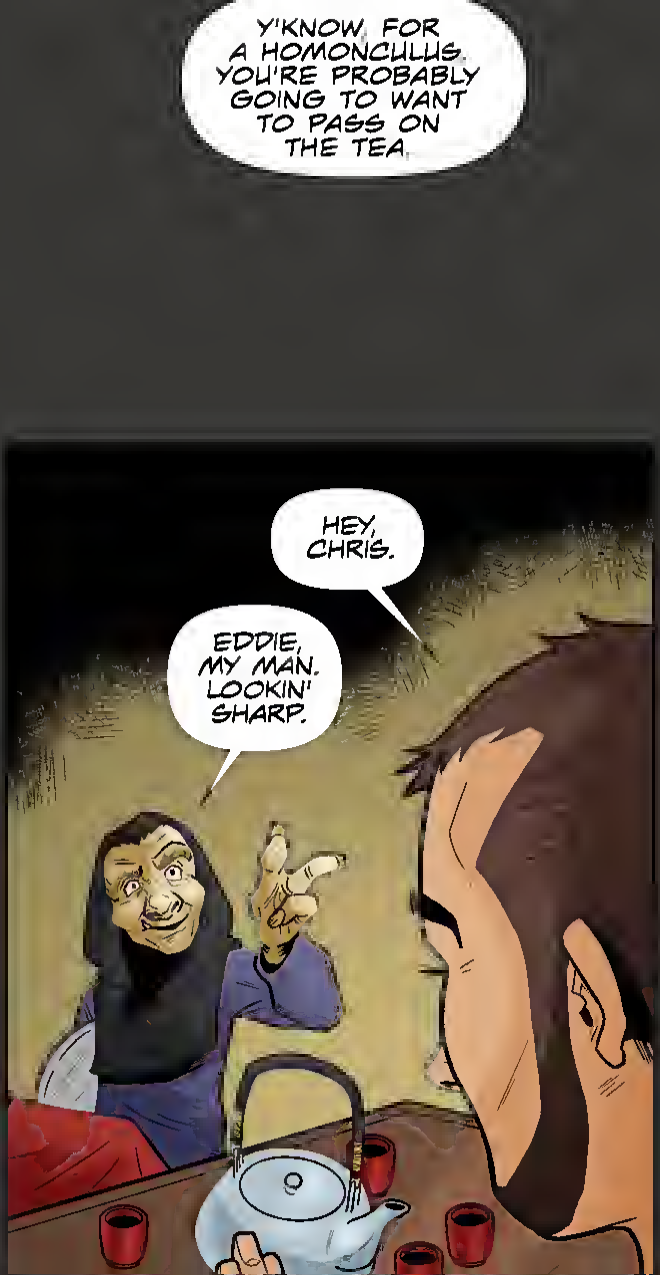
THE BADGUYS

THIS IS MISS MISERY.
SHE SCARES THE LIVING SNOT OUT OF ME.

SUE, WE REALLY NEED--
FIRST, TEA. THEN YOU CAN TELL ME WHY YOU ARE BLINDLY GROPING IN THE FOREST AT NIGHT WITHOUT MY HELP.

BUT I PREDICT YOU WILL TELL ME NOTHING I DON'T ALREADY KNOW.


I WAS KIDDING WHEN I SAID WORLD OF WARCRAFT. YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT. IS THAT AN ACTUAL GOBLIN? PLEASE TELL ME IF THAT'S A GOBLIN.
NAH. THAT'S CHRIS. NICE GUY.


Y'KNOW, FOR A HOMONCULUS, YOU'RE PROBABLY GOING TO WANT TO PASS ON THE TEA.
HEY, CHRIS.
EDDIE, MY MAN. LOOKIN' SHARP.

I HEAR WHISPERS YOU'RE GOING AFTER THE BOLT DIRECTLY. YOU KNOW THE DEFINITION OF MADNESS, DON'T YOU, MIKHAIL?
MY THERAPIST NEVER SAID "MAD".

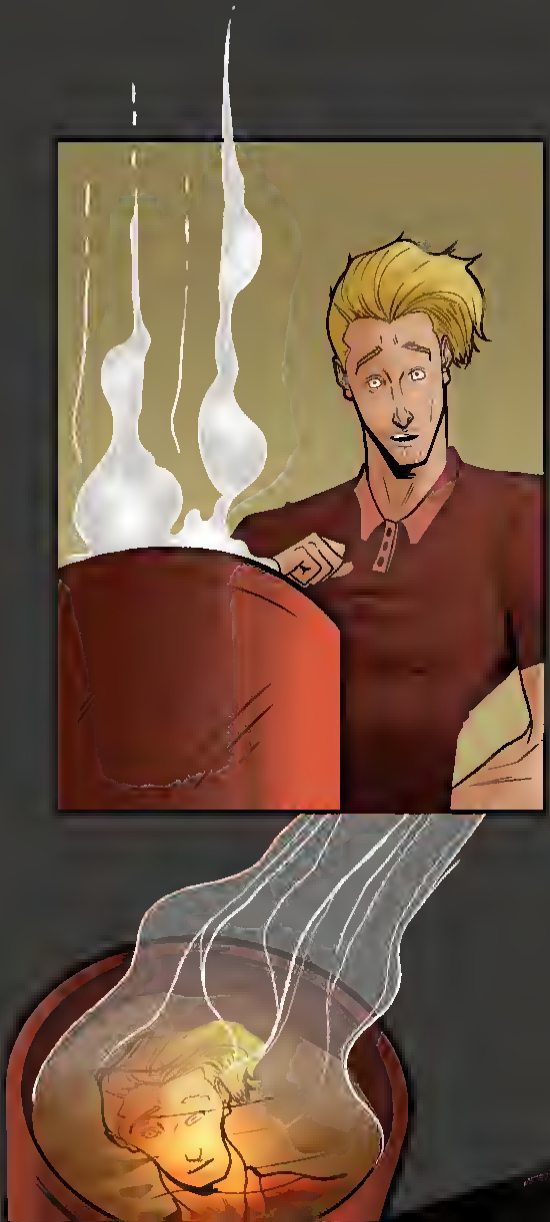
AH, EDWARD. HE'S A YOUNG ONE.

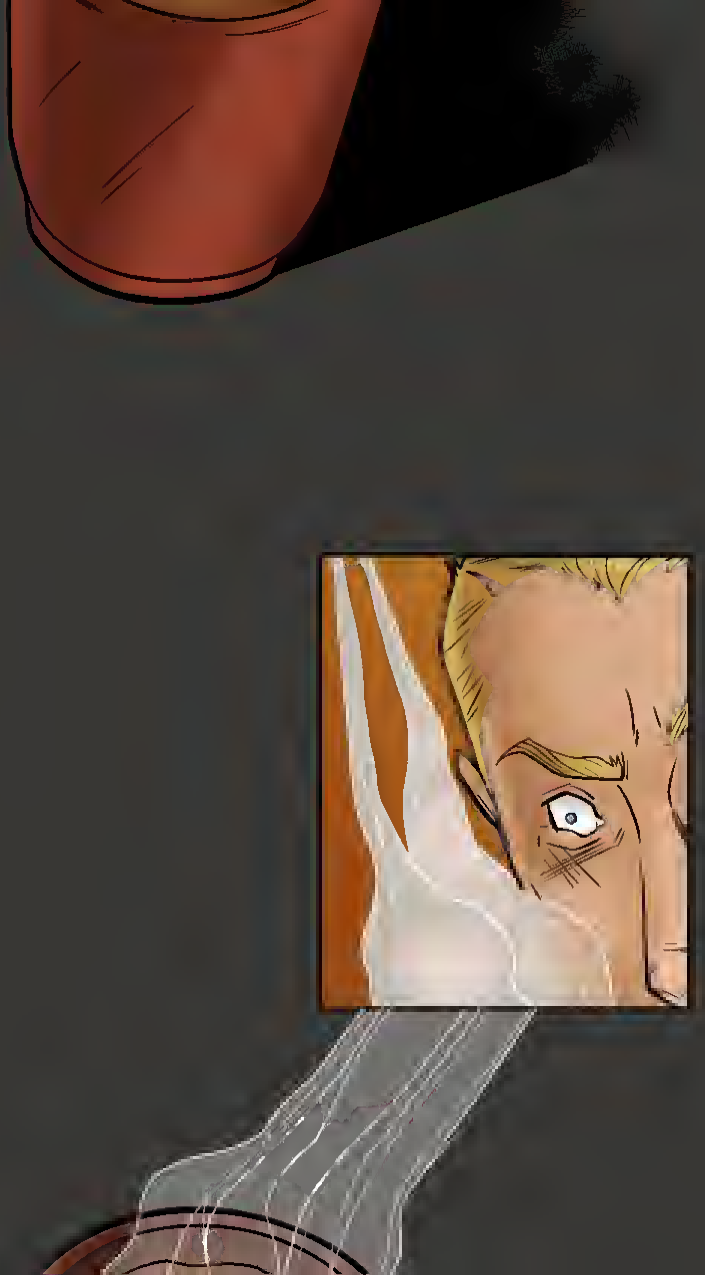
WHAT DO YOU REALLY WANT, MIKHAIL?

IS THIS THE PART WHERE I BURST OUT INTO A FULLY CHOREOGRAPHED SONG AND DANCE ABOUT HOW MUCH I HATE THE BOLT?

♪ HE'S THE FASTEST JERK IN GARDEN CITY! KIDS ALL LOVE HIM. BUT HE'S KINDA SHI-- ♫

IS HE REALLY THE ONE YOU HATE SO MUCH?





NO MORE SMOKE AND MIRRORS, SUE. NO MORE MAGIC PSYCHOANALYSIS TEA. WE NEED YOU TO FORGE AN INVITE TO THE KNIGHTCORP GALA. REALLY HIGH-TECH STUFF. I NEED TO GET INTO THAT PARTY.

WILL YOU HELP US OR NOT?
YOU'RE STILL THE BEST IN GARDEN CITY. PLEASE, SUE.
I KNEW DESTROIKA. I THINK YOU REMIND ME OF HIM SOMETIMES. AND THEN YOU GO AND SURPRISE ME.
I WILL HELP. USUAL RATE. ONE INVITE. 24-HOUR DELIVERY.

THAT'S IT? NO "FIRST YOU MUST STEAL THE SHADOW CRYSTAL FROM THE FORBIDDEN TOWER?"
NO "BREAK INTO A HEAVILY GUARDED RESEARCH FACILITY AND ACQUIRE HIGHLY ILLEGAL CHEMICALS?"
WE JUST... PAY YOU?
SAID LIKE SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW HER USUAL RATES.

I LIKE THE NEW KID.

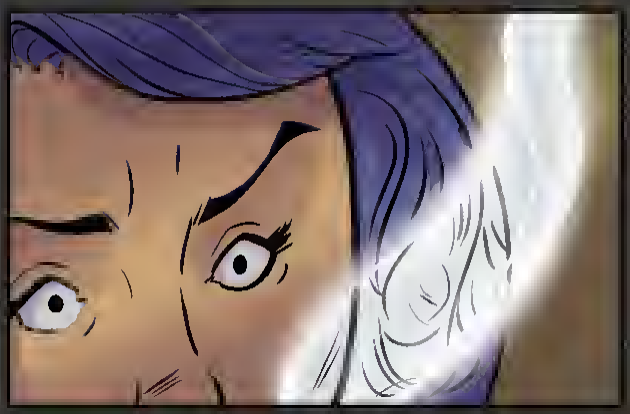
YOU CAN SEND HIM TO COLLECT WHEN I'M DONE. I MIGHT SEND HIM ON A QUEST, THOUGH.

THANKS, SUE. IT WAS GOOD SEEING YOU.

AND YOU, EDWARD. DON'T BE A STRANGER. WHO KNOWS HOW LONG WE HAVE LEFT?
SO, MAGIC TEA?
IT'S BEST NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT TOO MUCH.

THEY'VE GONE. YOU CAN COME OUT NOW.

YOU'RE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING? I'D HATE FOR MY PROTEGE TO BESMIRCH MY GOOD NAME.



I'M SURE.

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